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WASHINGTON, February 13, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 8 totaled 324,503, up 0.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 0.6 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 1.3 percent in the East and up 3.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 3,134 cars (11.2 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 3,559 cars (27.0 percent), and coal loadings decreased by 6,761 cars (5.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first six weeks of 1992 totaled 1,864,436, up 2.2 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,521 trailers and containers for the week ended February 8, up 1.1 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of 1992 was 703,680 trailers and containers, 3.3 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 8 totaled 21.0 billion, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1992 was an estimated 120.2 billion ton-miles, up 5.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,148	28,014	11.2 %	29,892	4.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,806	2,107	-14.3	1,738	3.9
Metallic Ores	13,928	13,990	-0.4	14,159	-1.6
Coal	124,679	131,440	-5.1	125,900	-1.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,155	10,696	-5.1	10,110	0.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,660	9,541	-9.2	7,648	13.2
Grain Mill Products	10,582	10,119	4.6	10,333	2.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,283	9,124	1.7	8,987	3.3
Primary Forest Products	9,222	9,244	-0.2	9,336	-1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,768	4,946	16.6	6,576	-12.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,490	10,582	-0.9	10,474	0.2
Chemicals	27,964	28,670	-2.5	29,165	-4.1
Petroleum Products	5,198	4,292	21.1	4,815	8.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,430	8,449	-0.2	8,163	3.3
Coke	5,162	4,533	13.9	5,539	-6.8
Metals & Products	10,481	9,235	13.5	11,259	-6.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,731	13,172	27.0	17,452	-4.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,214	8,203	0.1	8,262	-0.6
All Other Carloads	6,602	5,299	24.6	6,730	-1.9
Total	**324,503**	**321,656**	**0.9 %**	**326,538**	**-0.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 6 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**324,503**	**321,656**	**0.9 %**	**1,864,436**	**1,824,065**	**2.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,593	61,135	-4.2	337,958	354,802	-4.7
Containers	62,928	59,076	6.5	365,722	326,596	12.0
Total	**121,521**	**120,211**	**1.1**	**703,680**	**681,398**	**3.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.0**	**20.1**	**4.5 %**	**120.2**	**114.2**	**5.3 %**

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